

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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GOVERNMENT HELP TO NGO FOR RURAL EVENTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides a sum of Rs.30,000/- per discipline to Non-Government Organisation including Nehru Yuva Kendras Sangathan (NYKS) for organizing district level competitions;
- (b) if so, whether the said amount is adequate for organizing district level competitions;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to enhance the amount for the purpose; and
- (d) the concrete steps taken by the Government for the development of Rural Sports in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
(SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Under the Rural Sports programme, Government provides financial assistance @ Rs.30,000/- per discipline for organizing District level competitions, normally up to 10 disciplines.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The Rural Sports programme provides for an organized competition structure for rural sports. In addition, Government operates the Sport Scholarship programme under which talented sportspersons at the State and National level are given financial assistance. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) also operates several schemes such as the National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (day boarding), the Army Boys Sports Company Scheme (ABSC), the SAI Training Centre (STC) and Special Area Games (SAG) in which talented sportspersons from all over the Country, including rural areas are provided with specialized coaching. The ABSC, STC and SAG centers have both residential and non-residential training. At present SAI has nearly 13,000 trainees under the above mentioned schemes.